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- 25X1X 1. It was reported prior to 8 February 1951 that the Central Committee of the KPOe had ordered the Communists to report on the possibility of supporting strikes by sabotage and on the chances of causing railroad strikes. The Communist report on the possibilities of a railroad strike concludes that Communist shop stewards cannot force the majority of the railroad workers to strike without instructions from their own union.
- 25X1A 2. On 24 February 1951, KPOe officials from Baden, Neundirchen and Wiener Neustadt attended a conference of KPOe union officials at the Rax-Werk, Wiener Neustadt. Robert Dubovsky of the Lower Austrian Landtag presided. It was resolved to launch a strike if a 20% general wage increase were not granted. Dubovsky explained that the last strikes fizzled because they started in USIA factories in Lower Austria. It is intended to start new strikes in the West Zones, chiefly in the nationalized industry plants in Linz, Steyr, Kapfenberg, Bruck, Leoben, Donawitz and Graz. USIA factories are to participate, and on a wider scale than in October 1950, if the strike attempt, beginning in the West Zones is successful.
3. On 25 February 1951 KPOe officials from Gaerserndorf, Mistelbach, Hollabrunn, Kornuburg, Horn, Waidhofen a/d Thaya, Gmünd, Krems and Zettl attended a similar conference at Central Committee headquarters in Vienna 9. KPOe officials from St. Poelten, Lilienfeld, Scheibbs, Melk, Tulln, Amstetten, Persenborg and Poeggstall conferred in the Klubheim of the Voith works, St. Poelten; the agenda is unknown.

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